



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**
Division of Marketing

Tom Slade
Director

North Carolina Organic Certification Cost Share Program

Dear Organic Grower,

December 1, 2010

Section 10301 of the 2007 Farm bill directed The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a new Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

This program is designed to assist the organic grower with the cost of becoming certified under the National Organic Program. For a farm to be eligible for this program it must be located within the state of North Carolina and must be certified by a business or organization that is accredited by the USDA to certify organic operations

The NCDA & CS will pay 75% of the cost of certification up to a maximum of \$750 to the grower for any certification occurring between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Funding for this program comes from a USDA grant to the NCDA & CS. The assistance is available on a first come first serve basis until the funds are depleted.

Please note that if your gross annual income from organic farming is less than \$5,000 per year you do not have to be certified under the national organic standards. However, you should continue using organic production practices in your business as if you are a certified operation.

To take advantage of this offer please visit www.ncdaorganic.org, download the form, fill it out entirely and mail back to the address at the bottom with copies of the receipts, a completed IRS W-9 form and the certification. The form is also being sent to you for your use as well. These forms must be turned in by September 30, 2011.

Should you have any questions please call me at 919-707-3127 or email me at heather.barnes@ncagr.gov.

Sincerely,

Heather Barnes
Agricultural Marketing Specialist



N. C. Organic Cost Share Program
North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)

The person representing the farm that was inspected must sign this form; send this form and required documents to the North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) for payment.

This program is a cost share program designed to offset the costs of organic certification within the state of NC. The NCDA & CS will pay 75% of the total cost of certification up to \$750. Payments are limited to \$750 per farm or company for organic certification conducted between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Funds are available on a first come first served basis until the funds are depleted.

Name of Agency or company performing the certification: _____

Farm Name: _____ Contact person: _____
Farm Address: _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
Federal SSN: _____

Total Number of Acres Certified (greenhouse give number and sizes): _____
What Crops or animals are certified: _____

An organic certification was conducted for the farm listed above. An invoice from _____
_____ (name of certifying agency or company) is attached in the
amount of \$ _____. This is the total cost due for certification. The amount is based
on _____ hours of time for the inspection and _____ # of acres inspected

Signature of farm representative: _____ Date _____

**Attach to this application an IRS W-9 form and a copy of the receipts and
certification.**

The farm must return this form and required documents by September 30, 2011.

Mail to: NCDA&CS
Organic Cost Share program
Attn: Heather Barnes
1020 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020

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